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Cc: Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
From: Ruhl, Christopher
Sent: Tue 9/8/2015 12:33:58 AM
Subject: RE: Animas High School visit to Silverton

Thanks Brian –

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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From: Kovak, Brian
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 6:33 PM
To: Ruhl, Christopher
Subject: Re: Animas High School visit to Silverton

Chris,

The area along the Animas River and Cement Creek in Silverton is very rocky and they should wear boots, long pants and dress appropriately for the weather which can be 10-20 degrees cooler than Durango. They should pick out an area that has solid footing without a lot of loose rock for sampling locations. Walking can be treacherous in some places.

We require our staff to wear PFD's as the current can be quite swift, especially following a rain event. A throwable life ring may be good to bring along in case someone falls in the river (although Cement Creek is shallow and not as big a concern as the Animas

River). They should make sure they are together in groups and do not wade out into the stream. They should also wear gloves and safety glasses when sampling and stay away from the active railroad tracks. Rain gear, bottled water, sunscreen, hats and insect repellent would also be good to have along.

Brian

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From: Ruhl, Christopher
Sent: Monday, September 7, 2015 8:15 PM
To: Kovak, Brian
Cc: Ostrander, David; Dhieux, Joyel; Grantham, Nancy; Myers, Craig; Guy, Kerry; Ackerman, Joyce
Subject: RE: Animas High School visit to Silverton

Brian-

Please see email below. Do we have any H&S concerns for the students that may be doing the sampling? If so, we need to convey that message to the school. Please advise.

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From: Dhieux, Joyel
Sent: Monday, September 07, 2015 5:50 PM
To: Press; Grantham, Nancy; Way, Steven; Myers, Craig; Ostrander, David
Subject: Animas High School visit to Silverton

Hi All,

Steve Smith, a teacher at Animas High School in Durango stopped by Gladstone this afternoon. The school is incorporating the Gold King Blowout into their history and chemistry classes this fall. They are bringing 75 students to Silverton and then 3 groups (25 students each) up to Cement Creek by Gladstone to collect water samples and to see the general area. The field trip is planned for Thursday Sept 10. They will be in the area that is publicly accessible and not in our work zone.

They understand that we are really busy and may not be available on Thursday. That said, it would be great to have a PIO in Gladstone on Thursday to help answer any questions and to meet with the kids. I told him that we'd be happy to do a school visit later in the fall when the site work slowed down.

Joyel

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